

MINUTES OF MEETING  
RUSH RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA  
DECEMBER 16, 2014

The Rush River Water Resource District met on December 16, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Raymond Wolfer, Chairman; William A. Hejl, Manager; Dick Sundberg, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasury; Brenda Lovgren, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board; Mary Scherling, Cass County Commissioner; Lloyd Knight, Steve Faught, and Brad Nelson, Amenia Township property owners.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Manager Hejl, seconded by Manager Sundberg and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014, meeting.

**Rush River – de-authorization of federal project / Drain #52 extension**

Mike Opat reported on the de-authorization process for the federal project on the Rush River. If the project is not de-authorized, a Section 408 Permit would be needed to straighten various locations of the river in conjunction with the project to extend Drain #52. If the existing alignment is followed, a Section 408 Permit would not be needed.

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to send a letter to the Corps of Engineers requesting de-authorization of the federal projects on the Rush River and Lower Rush River. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Request for Drainage on Highway Right of Way for Roger G. Nelson LLLP along State Highway 18 in Section 13 of Amenia Township**

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve the *Request for Drainage on Highway Right of Way* for Roger G. Nelson LLLP along State Highway 18 in Section 13 of Amenia Township. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Year-end issues**

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to authorize the following:

- The Secretary-Treasurer to make any minor year-end transfers to balance the Rush River Water Resource District 2014 budget;
- The Secretary-Treasurer to make transfers to and from obligated funds, if necessary; and
- The Secretary-Treasurer to amend the Rush River Water Resource District 2014 budget.

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Bills**

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Hejl to approve payment of Checks #3994 through #4003, and the electronic funds transfer, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Wolfer, Hejl, and Sundberg. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

### **Engineering Services Selection**

Sean Fredricks updated the Board on the progress of the Engineering Services Selection process. Proper advertising has taken place and one Qualification Statement has been received.

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Hejl to approve the *Agency Selection Committee – Second Report* to engage in the interview process for engineering services to comply with new State Water Commission cost share policy, and to schedule an interview on January 8, 2015. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Combining Rush River and North Cass Water Resource Districts**

The Board discussed the possibility of combining the Rush River Water Resource District and the North Cass Water Resource District. Sean Fredericks stated a petition would need to be submitted by both Water Resource Districts to the State Engineer and a Hearing would be held on the matter. Manager Hejl expressed his objection to the Water Resource District merger. Chairman Wolfer and Manager Sundberg agreed to pursue the matter only if North Cass Water Resource District wishes to do so.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, it was moved by Manager Hejl, seconded by Manager Sundberg, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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Raymond Wolfer  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Carol Harbeke Lewis  
Secretary-Treasurer